

# Councilmember Kansen Chu

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CITY OF  
**SAN JOSE**  
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY



**Councilmember Chu co-hosts Community Pancake Breakfast with Assemblymember Jim Beall.**



**Councilmember Kansen Chu attends the 1st Berryessa Farmers Market at Berryessa Union School District.**



**Councilmember Kansen Chu attends the Grand Opening Event for the remodeled Alviso Pool.**

## Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

### Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

#### A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

As summer is winding down, turn our attention to a new school year. With the excitement that this season brings, safety may not be the first subject that springs to mind. I encourage parents to make sure their children are aware of safety concerns to contribute to another successful school year.

As your Councilmember, it is important for me to know what is happening in our community. I am always trying to find new ways to make my office more accessible throughout District 4. Last August, I began holding monthly community office hours in order to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents. Over the past year, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City issues. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours so that I may be of assistance to you all.

**Best Regards,**



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Sign up for regular updates from District 4:

Email [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov) so we can add you to our email list.

Kansen's Blog: [www.kansenchu.com/blog](http://www.kansenchu.com/blog)

District 4's Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4/>

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## COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Councilmember Kansen Chu invites you to attend Community Office Hours in order to get feedback and provide assistance to residents. Staff will also be on hand to assist in handling questions and concerns from residents. If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Councilmember Chu on any of the listed dates, please call the office at (408) 535-4904.

## COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

### WEDNESDAY

**AUGUST 13**

Berryessa Branch Library

Community Room

7:00PM-8:00PM

### SATURDAY

**AUGUST 30**

Berryessa Branch Library

Community Room

10:00AM-12:00PM

### WEDNESDAY

**SEPTEMBER 10**

Berryessa Community Ctr

Room 2

1:00PM-3:00PM

### THURSDAY

**SEPTEMBER 22**

Alviso Youth Center

6:00PM-8:00PM

## New Downtown College Preperatory in Alviso

After a long and extensive planning process between Downtown College Prep (DCP) and Alviso Community Members, the DCP will be expanding its program by inaugurating a Charter School in Alviso that will serve students from 6th to 12th grade. This will be DCP's second Charter School. Their mission is to prepare underachieving students who will be the first in their families to go to college to thrive at four-year universities. As a charter school, DCP has the ability to break away from the large, comprehensive urban school model to implement a rigorous college-prep program.

DCP had conducted a pilot project in 2007 at George Mayne Elementary School and they were able to determine that there was enough academic need and interest from families to propose the charter school in Alviso. This school will be a partnership between DCP and Santa Clara County Unified School District as charter schools are still part of the public school system.

**The Grand Opening Ceremony will be held on August 23, 2008 at 1621 Gold Street from 6:00PM-10:00PM.** There will be many activities for everyone!



Councilmember Chu with  
Community Members at the  
Berryessa Art & Wine Festival



Councilmember Chu visits  
District 4 residents at  
Quail Hills Home.





## Neighborhood Groups

### Alviso Water Taskforce

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM at the Alviso Community Center  
[www.alvisowater.org](http://www.alvisowater.org)

Contact: [alvisowater@gmail.com](mailto:alvisowater@gmail.com)

### Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the

Berryessa Community Center

Contact: Mike Flaughner

[mikeflaughner@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeflaughner@yahoo.com)

### Independence High Neighborhood Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Dale Warner

[ihna@dalewarner.com](mailto:ihna@dalewarner.com)

### North Valley Community Association

Meets every 1st Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Rachel Bahn

[Rachel.bhan.lxn6@statefarm.com](mailto:Rachel.bhan.lxn6@statefarm.com)

To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to:

[NorthValleyCA-](mailto:NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoo.com)

[subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:subscribe@yahoo.com)

### Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association

Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room

Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen

[Cheryl\\_vanzuylen@yahoo.com](mailto:Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com)

### River Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meets every odd month Location TBA

Contact: Jean Marlowe

[jean@jeanmarlowe.com](mailto:jean@jeanmarlowe.com)

### Townsend Park Neighborhood Association

Meets twice yearly

Location TBA

Contact: Lori Wallace

[lori\\_wp@yahoo.com](mailto:lori_wp@yahoo.com)

## NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

### Alviso

*"Alviso has always had a personality of its own— welcome to this historic community."* R.W. Gross, Ph.D.



South Bay Yacht Club, circa 1915

A hidden jewel in the City of San José, Alviso is located at the south end of the San Francisco Bay and the northern most point of the City of San José. Founded in 1845 and incorporated in 1852, Alviso was one of the oldest towns in Santa Clara County until it was annexed by the City of San José in 1968.

Since the Alviso Slough connects to the San Francisco Bay, Alviso served as the Port of San José and the transportation hub for the Santa Clara Valley in the 1800s. Alviso was also the major commercial shipping point for the entire south county until the late 1800s as a result of the growth in railroad transportation between San Francisco and San José.

Alviso is the site of the famous Bayside Cannery and the South Bay Yacht Club. Both structures are still standing today. Over the years, Alviso has been able to maintain its unique charm and character, which is reflected in the success and resiliency of its many establishments that have steadfastly refused to give into the passage of time.

Because the roots of many families in Alviso go back many generations, the residents of Alviso have formed a tight knit community that embraces all. Take a stroll in the streets of Alviso and you'll be able to experience its historic charm.



Alviso School, circa 1890's



Bayside Canning Co.



Councilmember Chu with Assembly Member Beall at the Pancake Breakfast.



Councilmember Chu speaks with District 4 Residents at the Pancake Breakfast.



Residents listen on as Councilmember Chu announces news & updates in the Community.

## Community Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, June 21, 2008, I hosted a Community Pancake Breakfast with Assemblymember Jim Beall at the Berryessa Community Center. Over 120 residents from District 4 attended the breakfast.

The breakfast provided an informal setting for residents to meet with their elected officials to discuss issues and concerns. It also provided an opportunity to build new relationships as well as strengthen old relationships with neighbors, creating an overall healthier, happier, and safer community.

Santa Clara County Firefighters graciously donated their time to prepare a delicious pancake breakfast for all of the residents. I would like to thank the following firefighters for their time and effort dedicated to this successful event:

- Captain Neil Linney of Cupertino Station 1
- Captain Kevin Schott of West Valley Station 9
- Firefighter Engineer Joe Bebeau of Cupertino Station 1
- Firefighter Engineer Andrew Kim of Cupertino Station 1

I would also like to thank the residents who took time out of their weekend schedules to attend the breakfast; it was a great opportunity for me to get to know you, understand your concerns and I appreciate your comments regarding the City. If you were unable to attend this breakfast, there will be many more in the future!



## Your San José Police Department Captains

**San José Police Department**

**Foothill Division Captain**

**Captain Ernesto Alcantar**

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**Central Division Captain**

**Captain Phan Ngo**

[phan.ngo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:phan.ngo@sanjoseca.gov)



Captain Alcantar and Lieutenant Spicer attend Gang Prevention Training for Parents in District 4.



## SEVERE DROUGHT FORECAST

Two consecutive dry winters, reduced water supply from the Delta, and a growing population are raising concerns about the future of our local water supply. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has recently determined that serious long-term planning for the water supply is needed. The District is also asking everyone in the county to pitch in by reducing their water use by an additional 10 percent this summer.



The following are some conservation tips from Santa Clara Valley Water that I would like to share with you so that we can all do our part to conserve water:

- Fix those leaks! Leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain. To help detect hidden leaks, turn off anything that uses water and see if your water meter is still moving. If it is, there could be a leak somewhere.
- Install water-efficient devices such as high-efficiency toilets, high-efficiency clothes washing machines, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Turn off the faucet while you are brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Reduce your time in the shower by 5 minutes.
- Only run your washing machine and dishwasher with full loads.

Applying these tips will help reduce water consumption. Collectively, we can make a difference to conserve water for our future.

### REBATES FOR RESIDENTS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY TO CONSERVE WATER OFFERED BY THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

- HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET REBATE

Receive up to \$125 to replace your old 3.5 gpf toilet with an approved high-efficiency toilet. Call (887) 874-8479 for rebate pre-approval.

- WATER SOFTENER REBATE

Receive a \$150 rebate on your purchase of a new water softener. Call 408-265-2607 ext. 2554 for pre-approval and more information.

- WASHER REBATES

Water-efficient clothes washers purchased after Jan. 1, 2008 are eligible for \$125-\$200 in rebates. Apply online at [www.waterenergysavings.com](http://www.waterenergysavings.com).

- WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REBATE PROGRAM

Santa Clara County Residents can receive up to \$1,000 by replacing high water using plants with low water using plants. Visit [www.valleywater.org/conservation](http://www.valleywater.org/conservation) for more info.





## City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

## Meet the District 4 Team



**Edesa Bitbadal, Chief of Staff**

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### FOCUS AREAS

Land Use, North San José Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Neighborhoods Commission, Media Relations, National Issues, Sister Cities, Office Technology, and Personnel.

### COMMITTEES

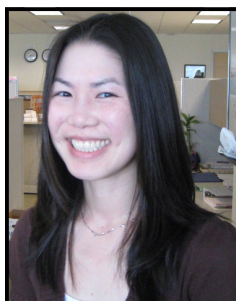
Neighborhood Services and Education, Rules & Open Government.

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### FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.



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### FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Budget, Sister Cities, Parks & Recreation, Seniors, Youth, Disability, Office Technology, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Clean-ups, Web Content, and Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education.

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### FOCUS AREAS

North Valley Neighborhood, Land Use, Public Safety, Housing, Airport, Economic Development, Human Rights, Newsletter, Code Enforcement, Web Content and Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

Community and Economic Development.



Councilmember Chu presents a grant check to Berryessa Little League



Councilmember Chu attends the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new eBay facility in District 4



## District 4 Events

For up-to-date event information, visit [sanjoseca.gov/district4](http://sanjoseca.gov/district4) and email us to receive e-Notices.

**3** BERRYESSA FARMER'S MARKET  
Occurs every Sunday  
9:00AM-1:00PM  
Berryessa Union School District

**5** NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
MOVIE NIGHT  
The Incredibles  
6:00PM-10:00PM  
Noble Park  
3312 Noble Avenue

## AUGUST

**16** INDEPENDENCE HIGH MARCHING  
BAND & COLOR GUARD FUNDRAISER  
Swap Meet, Free E-Waste Recycling, &  
Aluminum and Plastic Donations  
8:00AM-3:00PM  
IHS Parking Lot on Jackson Avenue

**20** ALVISO FAMILY NIGHT  
Safe Summer Initiative  
Block Party  
5:00PM-9:00PM  
Alviso Youth Center  
5040 North First Street



Councilmember Kansen Chu with District 4 Neighborhood Commissioners.



Councilmember Kansen Chu with Firefighters from Station 25 in Alviso.

**23** DOWNTOWN COLLEGE  
PREPERATORY SCHOOL  
Grand Opening in Alviso  
6:00PM-10:00PM  
1621 Gold Street

**30** COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS  
7:00PM-8:00PM  
Berryessa Branch Library  
Community Room  
3355 Noble Avenue

**3** GANG PREVENTION &  
AWARENESS FORUM  
6:30PM-8:00PM  
Berryessa Youth Center  
1970 Morrill Avenue

**6** ENVISION SAN JOSE 2040  
General Plan Update  
10:00AM-12:00PM  
Berryessa Branch Library  
3355 Noble Avenue

**8** BERRYESSA CITIZENS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING  
Occurs every 2nd Monday  
7:00PM  
Berryessa Community Ctr.  
3050 Berryessa Road

**19** BERRYESSA CREEK PARK  
RIBBON CUTTING  
CEREMONY  
w/ Majestic Way Elementary  
10:30AM-12:00PM  
Berryessa Creek Park

## SEPTEMBER

**21** NVCA ADOPT A PARK  
Occurs every 3rd  
Sunday 9:00AM-10:00AM  
Northwood Elementary  
School & Northwood Park  
921 Fox Lane

**23** ALVISO YOUTH  
ADVISORY MEETING  
Occurs every 4th  
Tuesday  
5:30PM-7:00PM  
Alviso Youth Center

**28** FIRESTATION 19 GROUND-  
BREAKING CEREMONY  
with San José Fire Dept  
12:00PM-2:00PM  
On Berryessa and Sierra Road



Councilmember Chu with District 4 SJPd Captain Alcantar.



Councilmember Kansen Chu congratulates Cherrywood Elementary School for receiving the California Distinguished School Award.



Councilmember Chu and Mayor Reed honors the recipients of the John Tuggle Humanitarian Award.



Independence High School's IndepeNDANCE Team visits City Hall to perform at a City Council Meeting during Invocation.

# VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!

<b>Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley</b> <b>(408) 929-9453</b>	The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation of injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!
<b>Adopt A Creek Program</b> <b>(408) 265-2607 ext. 2945</b> <b>Web: <a href="http://www.valleywater.org">www.valleywater.org</a></b>	There are more than 800 miles of streams in Santa Clara County that need cleaning. The water district works very hard year round to maintain the health of these creeks, but they can not do it alone. They need help from citizens like you who act as stewards for the cleanliness of our community and environment throughout the year.
<b>Adopt A Park Program</b> <b>(408) 793-4190</b> <b>Web: <a href="http://www.sjadoptapark.org">www.sjadoptapark.org</a></b>	Adopt a Park Program's main goal is to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by ongoing volunteer support, and to educate San José residents about the importance of parks and open spaces.
<b>Friends of the Library Program</b> <b>(408) 808-2181</b>	Contact the Berryessa Library Volunteer Information regarding a wide array of volunteer opportunities!
<b>Santa Visits Alviso</b> <b>Web: <a href="http://www.alvisosanta.com">www.alvisosanta.com</a></b>	Please visit <a href="http://www.alvisosanta.com">www.alvisosanta.com</a> or email Richard Santos at <a href="mailto:rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us">rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us</a> for more volunteer information for the event in December.

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